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HAVE THE BEST...
Home Cooked Meals
AWAY FROM HOME

Joe's Coffee Shops
THE BUSY SPOT
ON THE HIGHWAY
OPEN DAY AND NIGHT
* EXCEPT SUNDAY

THE WHITE LUNCH
ON MAIN STREET
Open Daily from 7:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m.
Joe and Edith Kurtz,

Will Gravel Seven Miles Road in Netook Area

The regular meeting of the Council of the Municipal District of Mountain View No. 280 was held in the Municipal office, Didsbury, on Monday, Dec. 11, with Reeve A. L. Hogg presiding and all Councilors in attendance.

The report of Inspector R. B. Ritchie of the Department of Municipal Affairs was received and stated that all books had been checked and the road was in good shape. The Tax Roll was kept in good order, and the office work was being kept up-to-date despite the crowded nature of the office. Work on the new building which was being renovated will give sufficient room for all required purposes, the report concluded.

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A delegation of ratepayers was present asking for gravel on seven miles of road, two east and west in the Netook area. The delegation was asked to put up \$2,000 towards the work, and the Council accepted the proposal.

Notice was received from the Board for the purchase of an Austin Motor Patrol, or maintainer, providing that permission for purchase can be obtained through the Board.

Council agreed to lease 20 acres of Municipal land adjoining the Village of Crossfield, to said village for the nominal sum of \$100 for five years, the lease to look after the property.

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HOW FEATHERS CAN BE MADE INTO PLASTIC

Feathers have been made to serve as the raw material for a particularly strong protein plastic. The feathers are immersed in an acid bath. This dissolves the feathers and, by proper processing, produces a plastic much stronger than the relative soft plastic produced from vegetable products such as soybeans. This feathered plastic, when hardened in sheet form, is said to be tough enough for use in transparent bomber noses.

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GIFT Suggestions

Perfumes
Toilet Sets
Toilet Waters
Shaving Sets
Fancy Soap
Cutex and Peggy Sage
Manicure Sets
Books—For Young and Old.
Stationery
Billfolds
Pipes
Fountain Pens
Games and Toys
Christmas Cards in a wide range of kinds and prices
Tags - Seals - Ribbons and Christmas Paper to brighten your parcels.

Edlund's Drug Store

THE REKALL STORE
Crossfield, Alta.

STORM-SASH

SAVE MORE COAL

And be more comfortable at the same time by equipping your home with Storm Sash on every window. We have a good stock on hand, and can get any size you need—It will take a little time so order early.

Atlas Lumber Co. Ltd.

H. R. Fitzpatrick

Crossfield, Alta.

Cream Separators

Are again available without permits.

We have on hand and can supply immediately the popular 500 and 750 pound machines.

Of course they are INTERNATIONALS.

William Laut

The International Man

Telephone No. 9

Crossfield, Alberta.

Mr. and Mrs. Hall Honored on 25th Wedding Anniversary

(Contributor)

If one could have stood on the bank of the coulee that winds itself around the town of Crossfield, just as Monday night, the sun would have been convinced of its magnetic properties. It seemed to have poured from every direction, the faint light until the sun would no longer be room for more. The passengers alighted eagerly, to be greeted by their hosts, Mr. and Mrs. Polly Nichol to welcome them in style.

The occasion was one to mark the silver anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Doug. Hall, and at a casual glance it was apparent that the hosts and Mrs. Davies Jones, Bud and Wilson, one of the first families to settle in the new building which was being renovated will give sufficient room for all required purposes, the report concluded.

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Announcement

Dear Friends:

I have been a member of the Local Dealer for J. I. Case Company and for the Case-Valley Company Ltd., two Companies that are producers of Farm Implements and Dairy Machinery, who are, in my opinion second to none in their respective lines.

I wish to take this opportunity to thank you for your kind guidance and support during these years and to assure you give the same consideration and support to my successor, Mr. L. B. Beddoes, who has purchased these two businesses.

Mr. Beddoes is setting up a repair shop and will give you the best service and will give you the best of service.

In the meantime I will continue to offer my service as Insurance Agent, Real Estate Dealer, Notary Public and Conveyancing (fully licensed), under the present heading, GORDON AGENTS.

My Fire, Auto, Casualty and Health Insurance Companies are the same in the business and I represent the Mutual Life of Canada, which is one of the strongest of Canadian Companies.

Now let us start the next chapter together and endeavor to make it the best in the book.

Wishing you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. I remain, Yours truly, A. W. GORDON.

G. R. WICKERSON,
46-11c, Founkeeper.

Notice

REOPENED in the round kept by the undersigned on Section 1, Township 29, Range 29, West of the 4th. One black mare, white spot on forehead, in good shape, also 1 black mare and 1 black foal from 1940. The above horses if not redeemed will be at the above pound on December 21.

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IN MEMORIAM

In loving memory of OWEN CLIFFORD PIKE, who passed away on December 7th, 1940.

Son of the arm of Jesus. He was remembered by his Mother, Dad, Brothers and Sisters.

Local News

Rev. and Mrs. Mrs. Howey were visitors to the city Monday last.

Jun Metheral of Calgary renewed acquaintances in town on Wednesday.

Frank Hoppe has moved to his new home in the south end of the village.

Swan Lindgren of Calgary was a visitor in town on Tuesday.

George Beddoe is laid up with a bad attack of asthma.

Mrs. Violet Currie of Calgary was a week-end visitor in town at the home of Mr. and Mrs. B. L. Macdonald.

Mrs. M. Sutherland was visiting with friends in the Cartairs district on Thursday and Friday last.

Mrs. Edna Tredaway of Milo was a week-end visitor here and the guest of Mr. and Mrs. G. Setton.

Mrs. Gladys McDonald of Calgary was a week-end visitor at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. Macdonald.

Mrs. Gladys Fraser and Miss M. Gilbert, both of Calgary, were week-end visitors at the home of parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. Fraser.

Mrs. Freda of the local Telephone office was a visitor at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Belschaw.

Mrs. M. Thorne of Red Deer, president of the Canadian League of Women's Association of Alberta, was a visitor at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. Belschaw.

Frank Macsop is home again from the hospital, though still not strong, and the council expects to have him back at his old stand in the post office before long.

Birthday celebrants for the coming week: John Wood on the 17th; Mrs. C. Richardson, Mrs. A. H. Hall and Mr. and Mrs. Moen on the 18th; Mrs. B. Macdonald on the 21st, and Tom Swaby on the 22nd.

Maynard Hurt had the misfortune to fall and break his left arm at the school grounds and now has a badly sprained ankle. It was thought at first that it was broken, but an x-ray taken in Calgary showed that was not the case.

Leonard Beddoes of Madden has bought the old farm implement shop on Main Street and is now in business as a dealer in farm machinery and has taken over the J. I. Case agency from Alex Gordon and is now all set to sell this line of machinery at that stand.

A. E. Edlund was a Calgary visitor Thursday last and was in attendance on the joint annual banquets of the Calgary and District Druggists Association and the Alberta Pharmaceutical Association held at the Palliser Hotel.

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Word comes from Mr. D. Bills in California, that he had a most pleasant trip home by plane, and hopes all his friends in the Crossfield district are well and happy. He sends his regards to all for a Merry Xmas and a very Happy New Year.

It would be easier to say who is at home these days, then to try and tell who is in the city. Seems as though everybody is going down in their turn to the city. Don't let me forget our local merchants expect to do a little extra business at this time of the year.

The meanest and tidiest, the guy who takes candy from the children, showed up in Crossfield on Saturday last.

Mr. W. W. Wicks, teacher at the Bituma school came to town and purchased twenty pounds of candy for her pupils Xmas tree party, and while doing so, he was the target for the box of candy was stolen out of the car.

Walter Liley has received an honorable discharge from the R.C.A.F. and is now residing in Crossfield.

Two horses were appraised in place of the two horses that were lost.

Mr. T. M. McLean is the lone mail elector and F. T. Baker whose term has expired. Unfortunately this was not done according to the school Act and may have to be done all over again.

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Easy to roll, delightful — to smoke

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Scientific Leadership

DURING THE PRESENT WAR, and for many years preceding it, the German nation has enjoyed a reputation for outstanding ingenuity in the realm of science and invention. This reputation has been fostered by the Germans, themselves, and they have attempted, in every possible way, to spread the conviction that they are leaders in the propagation of new ideas. This has been especially true during the war, when they have constantly drawn attention to their supply of new and "secret" weapons. This has no doubt been part of their attempt to wage a "war of nerves," and it has served to build up an erroneous impression in many minds as to the real extent of German initiative along these lines. However, it has been demonstrated that German superiority in this, as in numerous other matters, has been greatly overestimated.

No Foundation Sir James Irvine, Principal and Vice-Chancellor of the University of Scotland, visited Canada a short time ago. He is, however, a noted scientist, and in addresses delivered during his stay in this country, he dealt with the subject of Germany's self-styled leadership in this field, and showed that it was a claim which "lacked any reasonable foundation." It is conceded that the Germans have been most clever at converting ideas, borrowed from scientists of other nations, and proclaiming them to be original, but it has been demonstrated many times over that the Allied nations possess vastly superior scientific and inventive genius. For security reasons, little is known of many of the greatest discoveries of the present day, but events have already shown that from within the British Empire, the United States, Russia, and other Allied nations, come the means of matching and overpowering the mighty German war machine.

Allies Proved There is one great event which has proven beyond a doubt the superiority of Allied scientific and mechanical developments. That event was the successful landing of the invasion armies in Europe last June. So many elements combined to make that gigantic undertaking possible, that no single one can be allotted for particular credit, but some facts recently made known by the British Ministry of Information, show that ingenuity in dealing with many of the major difficulties, contributed much to the success of the venture. One of the greatest problems lay in getting stores and equipment ashore without damage from the sea water. For this purpose, a special water-proofing process was used which made possible the safe landing of cargoes, without damage from water. In addition there were the great floating harbors which were installed on the French beaches, and the "Bailey Bridges" collapsible bridges, named after the British engineer who developed them. These, and many other devices helped to make the invasion possible, and proved beyond doubt that leadership in science and invention does not belong to the German nation.

British Brides

"Happy Birthday" Cables Seem To Mean Something Else

A British bride who married a Canadian soldier in England and has since come to Vancouver to live with her husband's parents is still talking about an incident in Eastern Canada. A sister whom she had not seen for many years may have had the D.N.R. central station in Montreal (immediately upon arrival, the English bride ran to the telegraph desk along with a number of other brides and all sent "Happy Birthday" cables to England).

The sister was quite puzzled and couldn't understand how so many girls could have relatives or friends with birthdays at the same time. "However, she soon realized that people use the code "Happy Birthday" to mean "I arrived safely and am happy and well."

NEW AIR SERVICE

Five British shipping companies, with a capital backing of \$20,000,000 (about \$90,000,000) have formed British Latin-American Air Lines Limited to give a war air service between Britain and South America in two days, the Daily Express said.

The "Step Pyramid" of Egypt is estimated to be 6,000 years old making it the oldest large structure in the world.

Back in Service

Submarine Chasing Jap Ships Has Kangaroo Mounted On Bow

Nowhere on the prow for Japanese shipping in the Pacific is a half-breed submarine with a kangaroo mounted on its bow.

The submarine is the Growler which tangled with a Japanese cruiser at close range and the cruiser rammed her. Although seriously damaged the submarine escaped to Australia.

In disclosing the story, Francis E. Forde, acting prime minister, said the Australian commander, then South West Pacific Fleet commander, first thought the submarine must have undertaken a dangerous voyage to the United States for repairs. But a British shipbuilding firm undertook the job and fitted a new bow on the Growler, with a kangaroo attached for good measure and as a symbol of Australian engineering skill.

Would Keep Fresh

Apples In Cold Storage Could Use The Year Round

In the case of apples, cold storage plants will make it possible to market the fruit throughout the year. They are particularly welcome in holding over McIntoshes. Under ordinary circumstances, McIntoshes have to be marketed soon after being picked and packed or they lose their flavor and become tough skinned. Put away in cold storage, however, they can be kept over until the following spring and are fresh and sweet in condition when they are packed. Nice fresh apples the following spring and summer at prices at which the housewife can afford to use them for baking as well as eating as a fruit, may thus soon be an established fact.

With cold storage, there need be no gap between crops, and so thousands of barrels of additional apples could be marketed.

Ancient Greek and Roman sculptors produced many master-pieces in terra-cotta, or burn clay.

Koreans developed movable type 50 years before Gutenberg printed the Bible.

Flying Cross Awards

Names of Westerners Appear In The Following List

In one of the latest lists of awards announced by Air Force headquarters, the following Western airmen have been awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross:

FL. J. A. Enns, son of Mr. A. P. Enns, La Salle, Manitoba.
P. W. Fries, son of Mrs. Mabel F. Fries, Vancouver, B.C.
FO. T. Hawthrone, son of Mr. J. T. Hawthrone, Vancouver, B.C.
FO. D. Herbert, Kelowna, B.C.
FO. J. Kicak, son of Mrs. Mary Kicak, Winnipeg, Man.
FO. G. McCullivray, Kaslo, B.C.
FO. R. J. Meek, C.G.M., son of Mr. F. H. Meek, Vancouver, B.C.
FO. S. Patterson, son of Mrs. Mary Patterson, Vancouver, Man.
FO. J. K. Perry, son of Mr. Melville W. Perry, Hawarden, Sask.
FO. D. H. Popplestone, son of Mrs. Alma R. Popplestone, Pilot Mound, Man.

FO. V. W. Poushinsky, son of Mrs. Nikolai Poushinsky, Calgary, Alta.
FO. T. H. Pringle, son of Mrs. J. A. Pringle, resides at Regina, Sask.
FO. J. P. Rennie, wife, Mrs. Rose Rennie, resides at Edmonton, Alta.
FO. L. R. Ross, son of Mr. A. C. Schmidt, Humboldt, Sask.
FO. J. K. Sheldon, son of Mr. D. K. Sheldon, Calgary, Alta.
FO. J. H. Simpkins, wife, Mrs. J. N. Sinclair, resides at Vancouver.
FO. C. M. Singleton, son of Mr. J. D. Slessor, Saskatoon, Sask.
FO. E. W. Slessor, son of Mrs. J. D. Slessor, Winnipeg, Man.
FO. R. A. Torgrimson, son of Mrs. Clara Torgrimson, Cheddie, Alta.
FO. T. S. Wright, son of Mr. J. H. Wright, Vancouver.
FO. D. L. Brewster, son of Mr. L. D. Brewster, Vancouver (postponed missing October 16).

FO. A. W. Burns, wife Mrs. Lillian Burns, resides at Edmonton.
FO. H. Gordon, wife Mrs. F. H. Gordon, resides at Calgary.
FO. R. T. Gray, son of Mr. Thor Gray, Indian Head, Sask.
FO. W. G. Code, son of Mr. T. H. Hartford, Vancouver, B.C.
FO. M. L. Husband, son of Mrs. Frances A. Husband, Robart, Sask.
FO. W. R. Kranck, son of Mrs. E. A. Kranck, Wadena, Sask.
FO. J. B. A. Lamoureux, son of Mrs. Jeanne Lamoureux, Edmonton.
FO. E. J. W. Laver, son of Mr. John Laver, Gibbons, Man.
FO. F. E. Michael, son of Mr. Louis Michael, Gleichen, Alta.
FO. W. D. Miller, son of Mr. W. D. Miller, Fernie, B.C.
FO. H. C. Redmond, son of Mr. C. Redmond, Edmonton, Alta.
FO. J. B. Ward, son of Mrs. K. P. Rohr, Calgary, Alta.
FO. A. M. Scott, son of Mr. G. W. Scott, Edmonton, Alta.
FO. J. St. John, son of Mr. Frank J. St. John, Fort St. John, Sask.
FO. J. S. Titus, son of Mrs. A. A. Titus, Wellwood, Man.
FO. E. G. Vandyck, son of Mr. J. H. Vandyck, Kimberley, B.C.
FO. J. W. B. Ward, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Ward, Winnipeg.
FO. W. T. Ward, son of Mrs. Annie Ward, Trail, B.C.
FO. W. R. Burton, son of Mrs. U. Burton, Zealandia, Sask.
Awarded Distinguished Flying Medal
FO. D. T. Mitchell, son of Mr. H. D. Mitchell, Tyvan, Sask.
FO. J. S. Joshi, son of Mrs. R. Sosik, Transcona, Man.

About Calories

Number Of Calories Needed Every Day Depends On Age And Activity

With whom do your calories keep company? Are they snappy . . .

keeping to themselves, or do they keep company with other foods which contribute such elements as iron, calcium and vitamins to the diet?

The Nutrition Division, Ottawa, urges Canadians to remember the other elements as well as calories when choosing foods.

A calorie is the measuring unit for energy, just as a yard is the measuring unit for cloth, and it is the number of calories needed every day depend on age and physical activity.

Young children, growing children and physically active people need more calories than older people or those who sit at a desk all day. However, too many calories can "unbalance" anyone's diet and can cause high above his detractors.

Whether he talks or remains silent will always be the centre of interest. He guides history and impresses his stamp on the age.

Granulated sugar and fats add calories to the diet, yet very little of the health protective elements. Potatoes, on the other hand, add iron and vitamin C as well as calories. Cheese is fairly high in calories, but is also an excellent source of protein and calcium.

While calories are necessary for energy, the most important food are those which along with calories contribute a share of the other daily needs. Milk, eggs, fruit, vegetables and whole grain cereals supply these

An automobile uses 50 per cent less gas at 30 miles an hour than it does at 60 miles per hour.

In 1825, Sing Sing prison was known as Mount Pleasant prison.

For Eczema—Skin Troubles

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Is there a limit to the amount of rationed commodities that may be sent overseas in parcels?

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Is it necessary for the stub which is attached to each sheet of coupons in ration book 5 to be completely filled in?

—Consumers should remember to fill in all the stubs attached to each sheet of coupon in your book. The name and address of the owner of the book should be placed on one side of the stub, and the serial number of the book is placed on the reverse side.

Is it true that I may collect one butter coupon every two weeks?

—Yes. Under revised regulations managers of hotels, boarding houses and similar establishments may collect only one butter coupon every two weeks from each of his guests.

Do grocery stores have to have the price list made out on foot?

—Yes. All finds on display in grocery stores, with the exception of foot or display in windows, must have the prices marked either on the foot or on the steel plate which is placed with the food.

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Have Changed Their Minds About

"Decent Germans"

A London correspondent of the New York Times traces the changing British public opinion in the matter of the Germans. The British, he said, accepted the 1940-41 blitz and its destruction of civilians as something to be expected of modern war. The bombing of Coventry and other cathedral cities did something to alter this attitude, but even confirmed and detailed stories of German atrocities in occupied countries left many thousands of British men and women who said "there must be some good Germans".

The bombing bomb says this correspondent, whose views are summarized by the Ottawa Journal, changed that attitude in a week, and the British people began to realize that "there would be no peace on earth until the German nation that had employed it was rendered impotent ever to wage war again." Then came the V-2 rocket bomb, the Germans' "biggest psychological blunder to date," and the final proof even to those who had said "there must be decent Germans" that the whole German nation must be held responsible for the acts of its military leaders and its scientists.

So the British today, says the Times writer, are demanding hard, stern terms for Germany. Straw votes are a doubtful guide to public opinion, but the Times tells of a poll of 3,400 readers of the London Sunday Dispatch which produced this result: 93 per cent. were in favor of Allied occupation of Germany, 79 per cent. in favor of reparations, and 76 per cent. in favor of partition of the Reich.

Furthermore, 71 per cent. thought Germany's schools should be staffed by foreigners, 78 per cent. thought German labor should remain Europe. Also, 92 per cent. favored the abolition of German war industries, 88 per cent. favored control of Germany's oil and essential ores and 90 per cent. favored the prohibition of any German army or navy and control of all German use of aircraft; 40 per cent. favored the deportation of at least 10,000,000 "guilty" Germans for segregation; 36 per cent. favored sterilization, and 10 per cent. were for plain massacre.

These things must not happen again—the British people are determined to give the Times' report, "that no Prussian militarist shall ever again have the chance to dream and scheme for another world war." That determination must not be Britain's alone. We need not be so simple as to suppose the rocket bomb has reached the peak of its range and destructive power. If the Germans ever are permitted to start another war it may well be that no city on this continent will enjoy immunity from air attack, and until the German mentality is changed we need not expect from them any considerations of humanity to induce them to hold their bloody hands. Force must be used while force is needed.

NO RIGHT TO COMPLAIN

A former Winnipeg alderman states that when he was offered a job in the zone called him to complain about something or other, he always asked them one question: "Did you vote in the last civic election?" If the answer was "No," he showed the complainer the door with a courteous, "I'm sorry, I can do nothing for you. I do not represent you on the city council."

China has about 2,000,000 square miles of arid country.

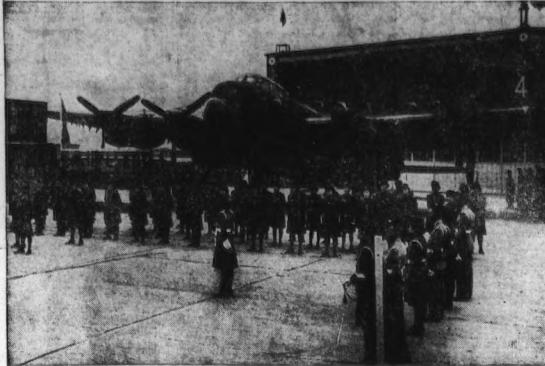
Veteran Gives 14 Blood Donations



—Canadian Army Photo

Here is Sgt. Henry Raymond Allen, 56, of Ottawa, a veteran of World War I, and serving in the present conflict since 1940, giving his fourteenth blood donation for the Canadian Red Cross Plasma unit. Mrs. T. G. Bowie, Ottawa, Red Cross Nurse, is seen preparing Sgt. Allen for the donation. Sgt. Allen, with the Corps of Military Staff Clerks, is an orderly to the Minister of National Defence. He has served three defence ministers in that capacity. He was mentioned in dispatches at Hill 70, in 1917 and was awarded the French Medal of Honor for gallantry in the field. With his wife, Mrs. Constance Allen, he resides at 459 Cole Avenue, Ottawa.

Christen Lancaster At Winnipeg



A crowd of honour of airwomen was among the thousands on hand for the christening of a great Lancaster bomber at Winnipeg. Built at Victory Aircraft, Malton, Ont., it made the trip to Winnipeg as part of its regular test acceptance flight before going overseas. Mrs. A. Dwight Ross, wife of Air Commodore Ross, crashed a ribbon-decked champagne bottle square on the bomber's nose to christen it the "Moose".

Tried Years Ago

Nothing New About Spraying Insect Pests From Airplane

Experiments in the control of insect pests by spraying from airplanes, which have recently been made in Pennsylvania, are simply an extension from retail to wholesale of "stunts" undertaken many years ago. One of the first agriculturists to appreciate this use of aircraft was a Lincolnshire farmer, Mr. George Caudwell, who chartered an airplane to spray his potatoes as a precaution against disease years before the war. The pilot flew low over the fields, sometimes nearly touching the plants. Forty acres of Majestics were sprayed in 25 minutes, an operation which would have taken two days normally. As early as 1932 the Russians used aircraft to spray their fields, and since then, air and aircraft have also been used, with varying success, in an attempt to combat the locust plague.

In another department of industry—whale and seal hunting—the airplane has, of course, been useful for a long time as a "spotter" for the ships engaged in the hunt—Mancheste Guardian.

Bermuda Unharmed

Island Has Played Important Part In The War Effort

The Island of Bermuda has played a most important part in the war effort and a recent magazine article on "Fifty Million Dollar Base" has led to the receipt of many questions as to whether the financial and attractions have been adversely affected. A special bulletin issued by the Bermuda Trade Development Board has been received by the Canadian National Steamships, whose famous Lady Liners of the C.N. West-Indies Fleet carried many thousands of passengers to the Island resort. The answers to the questions are definitely "no".

The bulletin states that the U.S. Army Engineers were most considerate in the construction and planning of their bases and that they will be a feature of interest in the post-war Bermuda picture. Many of the buildings erected are of an artistic type and Bermudian in appearance.

To make one pound of aluminum requires as much electrical current as is used in the average American home over a period of more than three days.

London Story

When Vic Oliver Dined With Winston Churchill

This is a London story which is being credited to Vic Oliver, who has a sense of humour. Oliver dined with the father-in-law, Sir Winston Churchill. "When," he asked the Prime Minister, who dislikes being addressed as "pop," "if you had to be a dictator, which of the dictators would you rather be?" "I'd prefer Mussolini," said Churchill. "But why Mussolini?" asked his son-in-law. "Mussolini is the weakest, was the first to succumb and now is alive only by the grace of Hitler." "Mussolini," said Churchill, "is the only man I know who could have his son-in-law shot and get away with it!"—Le昂ard Lyons in New York Sun.

War Poster

Legend On Back Of A Car Causes Some Amusement

We, too, have our war posters, reminding us that the enemy has very large ears. Some of these seem strange, lacking in imagination and not nearly so provocative as those of the last war. One of them, however, did succeed in giving Fifth Avenue an amusing moment the other day.

A bride and groom dashed out of a church and into a waiting automobile. There was the usual crowd to cheer them on their way. As the car started the cheers turned to chuckles. For on the back of the car someone had pasted a war poster which bore the legend:

"Careless Talk Causes This"—Russell Crouse in Transatlantic.

The Poor Policeman

Seems To Be Wrong No Matter What He Does

If he's neat, he's conceited. If he's careless, he's a bum. If he's neat, he's a great guy. If he's neat, he's a good-looking thing. If he takes his time, he's lazy. If you get pinched, he's it for you. If he's energetic, he's trying to make a record. If he's deliberate, he's too slow to catch a cold. If you strike him, he's a coward. If he strikes you back, he's a bully. If he outwits you, he's a bonehead. If he makes a good catch, he's lucky. If he misses it, he's a simp. If he gets promoted, he's a gimp. If he doesn't, ah, what's the use?"—Canadian Police Gazette.

WAS WELL-USED

A survey reveals that the average boar is used a minimum of five times. Maximum figures are not given, but says T. D. F. in Ottawa Citizen, the best record we ever saw was made by a leather-bound copy of Webster's Unabridged Dictionary in One Vol. In constant use in this office for about 30 years—though more as a cushion than a work of reference. Being a foot thick, it was just dandy for a squat reporter to perch on and type at the proper level.

HARD TO PROVE

A statement by Mr. Polo's required 600 years to prove. He discovered the great sheep now known as Oris Polo, but the world believed that no such animal existed until 600 years later.

Central American umbrella bird is named for a crest of black feathers which can be lowered to cover its face.

Thibetans drink an average of 30 to 50 cups of tea a day.

The Only Way

Everyone Who Wants To Enjoy Rights Must Accept Responsibility

To hanker after rights and be thought to be responsible is the only way to set about making a better-post world, Sir Patrick Dun, retiring deputy high commissioner of the United Kingdom to Canada, said at Ottawa.

"It should not, therefore, be the whole of the picture of reconstruction to speak of rights—rights of education, right to standards of life, right to leisure, right to pensions, without at the same time speaking of the corresponding responsibility or duty," said Sir Patrick, addressing the Women's Canadian Club.

The reason democracy was the hardest form of government to make succeed was because it called for so much responsibility and so much restraint on the part of private citizens. Unless all did their duty and made their contribution, they "may clamor in vain for their rights and merely get embittered because somehow or other rights are not turned on for them like water out of a tap."

"The hope of improvement in the World's lies, to my thinking, in more exercise by individuals of a sense of responsibility toward their fellows," said Sir Patrick. "And it is in something beyond and higher than economics or politics and that is in a more lively sense of the higher purpose of life and in a sense of religion.

"Political ideologies, democracy, economics, social security—all these things are right aims so far as they go; but unless they are inspired by something higher, they won't succeed by themselves in making mankind better or even happier, and they won't prevent wars."

Will Take Time

Geologists Are Of The Opinion That Canada Is Warming Up

Is Canada warming up or is the temperature going down? Geologists know that something is happening, but because it requires millions of years for a move either way to be felt, they are guessing that it is becoming warmer. That is the opinion of Dr. W. M. Moore, A.R.C.S., F.G.S., and vice-president of the Royal Society. Should it be that the climate is becoming warmer—and it will take 10,000 years for an increase of five degrees in average temperature—magnolias and peanuts might be grown in Queen's Park. Dr. Moore said.—Toronto Star.

As Shaw Sees It

Writer Says Mayor Can Get Better Results Than Parliament

These Bernard Shaw opinions of the essential qualities of a successful mayor were read at a mayoral meeting in Bridgewater, England.

"The scope of a mayor is infinite. It cannot be summed up in three qualities nor in three thousand. A mayor can do more than a prime minister hampered by the party system. A municipality with a real live mayor and an able town clerk can do more in three months than parliament in 30 years."

GERMANY NEEDS FOOD

Germany has drained Europe to the starvation point in order to feed her troops and workers on the home front, an Allied economic survey at London disclosed. Meanwhile, German officials admitted reserve food stocks built up from the occupied countries were practically depleted and that Germany will have to face this winter on her own resources.

Winged Artillery

Mosquito Planes Are Armed With Six-Pound Cannon

Britain's fleet, twin-engined plywood Mosquito aircraft have been secretly armed with six-pound cannon for attack on German U-boats and enemy shipping, the Air Ministry disclosed.

Canadians were prominent in testing and operational flying of the Mosquito.

It happened northeast of Geilenkirchen. British troops were ordered to fight their way to a hill road and capture the village of Hoven. Two tanks formed the curtain of bullets and mortar bombs and shells that the Germans sent screaming in, broke up the formation.

For the third time the officers of this formation rallied their men and gave the order to attack.

Across the starting line went these troops and up the shell-scattered slopes to the tiny hamlet of Hoven. In among the wrecked houses they went and word came back "objective reached."

The Germans were quick to react. In a matter of minutes after the British had battled their way into Hoven the enemy counter-attacked with crack troops supported by maximum mortar and artillery fire.

Inside Hoven there was bedian but then came word "enemy beaten off."

Still there was no respite for these wary troops who had had more fighting in three hours than most soldiers experience in as many days even in this sector which has been flaming now for seven days.

Again the enemy came into the attack lunging across the fields which were sown with their own mines. Again the attack was met and beaten off. Back again came the Germans to carry out their final dash to capture Hoven at all costs.

This time the task of the British forces was complicated by the fact that they had 30 German prisoners returning, including the two previous counter-attacks.

But they managed to guard these fanatics and once again the line held.

Today the Hoven feature is in British hands thanks to the almost human fight put up by these veteran troops of a famous regiment.

Idea Was Good

Texas Man Makes Money Manufacturing Walking Ducky Toys

Those skeptics who think the Horatio Alger "rags to riches" days are over in America should have a chat with George F. Peterson of Lubbock, Texas.

A year ago Peterson was down and out—financially. He had been forced to close his Lubbock hotel because the shortage of gasoline took away his guests.

He got a job as a shipyard welder on the Pacific Coast, and met a man who once made his living manufacturing toy walking ducks.

Peterson liked the idea. He came home and set up a walking duck factory in his home.

The idea caught on.

Now Peterson has 85 women working in his Evan Company factory, all of them making his toys, and four salesmen out on the road.

"Sales are limited only by the amount of material and labor I can get," says Peterson. "After the war—"

Two hundred pounds of hay, corn, and roots make a day's meal for an elephant.

Nice Girl, Nice Horse



Charter member of the Saddle Club, a workers' organization at Aircraft Repair Ltd., Edmonton, is Margaret Ross. Margaret has been helping to speed the victory with her work. She has been employed in overhauling and repairing aircraft for three years. The horse? Lady Arab-Ella.

POPULARITY OF THE FAMOUS SPITFIRE

Has Captured The Favor As No Other Aircraft Has Done

No other aircraft has captured popular imagination like the Supermarine Spitfire. With the Hurricane it played a vital role in the Battle of Britain.

Its excellence is traditionally attributed to its 8-gun armament and Rolls-Royce engine, but a factor less widely appreciated is the experience gained by its famous designer, R. J. Mitchell, in building some of the most successful racing seaplanes of all time in the years between the wars. Without them and the engine which they evolved, the Spitfire prototype would not have flown in 1936, nor would the Spitfire squadrons have played so distinguished a part in the air fighting of 1940.

The Battle of Britain was won largely by those "gallant few" flying in planes developed through the trial-and-error tests of the Schneider Cup races. The Spitfire of 1944 can be traced back through a continuous line of descent for nearly 20 years, and we are entitled to expect that the experience gained in turning out this magnificent machine will enable us to make major contributions to civil aviation in the future.

Another plane of high renown is the Mosquito. This flashed into the news in September, 1942, with an attack on the Gestapo headquarters at Oslo. Another pleasing recollection associated with the Mosquito is the interruption of Goering's speech on the 10th anniversary of the Nazi party.

This unorthodox and versatile aircraft can perform practically any function—day-bomber, night-bomber, fighter-bomber, day-fighter, night-fighter, bomber, carrier and photographic reconnaissance and transport. The unarmed bombing version can now take a 4,000-lb. bomb. The fighter-bomber version, can carry a thousand pounds of bombs, which is half as much as the original bomber version, without sacrificing its formidable armament of four cannon and four machine guns or detracting appreciably from its performance as a fighter.

The Mosquito, designed in 1939, is the grandchild of the Comet racer, specially designed for the England-Australia air race of 1934.—London Letter in Ottawa Journal.

Modern Technique

Now Different From The Days Of The Duke Of Wellington

Air Secretary Sinclair, addressing photo-reconnaissance and Typhoon dive-bomber pilots of the R.C.A.F. division:

"The Duke of Wellington once said that fighting a war was a matter of guessing what goes on in the other side of the hill. Our generals don't have to guess. You show it to them in black and white with your high-level and fighter reconnaissance while our fighters have blindfolded the German generals."

The pilots in his audience were from wings commanded by Group Capt. E. H. C. Macmillan, Winnipeg, and Group Capt. Paul Y. Davout, Kingston, Ont.

Giant Airliner

Most Luxurious Ship In The World To Be Built In Britain

The biggest, heaviest, most expensive, most luxurious and fastest airliner in the world is to be built by the Bristol Aeroplane Company, Ltd., for trans-Atlantic service to Canada after the war.

It will weigh over a 100 tons, and carry 50 passengers and two tons mail at a speed of 250 miles an hour.

The British Company, making this announcement, says jet propulsion will be used. As for American announcement of airliners travelling 400 miles an hour, Bristol Company officials say the Superfortresses or the projected Boeing airliner is modelled cannot compare with British bombers.

Back In Service

Liberty Ship Was Snapped In Two During Arctic Storm

A Liberty ship which snapped in two during a wild Arctic storm is one piece again and back in war service, thanks to Canadian workmen.

After several trips delivering war supplies for Russia, the ship was returning to the United States in ballast last winter for another load when caught in a storm. By the time rescue craft arrived, the bow and stern of the freighter were 10 miles apart. A U.S. destroyer and two naval tugs took them in tow.

The parts were taken to North Vancouver, B.C., and put together again.

Campaign Is Hard

American And French Troops Face Hardships On Alpine Front

A winter yet strangely beautiful war is being fought by American and French troops along the 200-mile jagged Alpine front from the Swiss border south to the graceful beaches of the Ligurian Sea east of Monte Carlo.

It is static as fronts go, for the job of Maj.-Gen. Robert T. Frederick's airborne task force, which has the capture of Cannes and Nice to its credit, is to protect the flank of the United States 7th Army and the French 1st Army elements, also manning frontier outposts high in the maritime peaks radiant with deep snow.

Crack German mountain troops are sitting on opposite peaks along the Italian front and holding down the job of protecting the flank of Field Marshal Gen. Albert Kesselring's army.

The cruelty of this campaign derives not so much from the daily artillery duels of American guns firing from French soil and answered by German guns from Italian soil, but from the struggle against the bitter cold, which freezes the water in canisters, against the terrain and against the mountains.

The peaks have long, deep canyons where it is always dark. Men on patrol have walked into the shadows of these mountains never to be seen again.

To survive these hardships, infantrymen have learned to move about only in groups of two or three, to let their mules precede them to explode mines, and to stick to high ground to avoid ambush.

The boys call this the "Champagne Front" because when they get a pass it is only an hour's drive to a warm bar along the still slightly gray Riviera.

Using A Double

Photo Is Proof That Some Nazi Is Impersonating Hitler

The London Daily Express said it had "incontestable proof" that the Nazi leaders have been using a double to impersonate Hitler since the July 20 attempt to kill him.

The Express reproduced a photograph of Hitler's ears in pre-war photographs and one issued by Berlin purporting to show the Fuehrer at his headquarters Sept. 25.

When these photographs were given a photo-microscope test, the Express said, Hitler's right ear in the latest picture measured nearly half an inch larger each way. This proved, the paper said, that the new photo was faked "because the ear stops developing at the age of 21. After that there is practically no change and a man's identity can be established as accurately by measuring his ears as by taking his fingerprints."

New Master Mind

Expert Professional Soldier Responsible For Germany's Western Defense

Behind the German defence in western Europe is a new "master mind"—Lt.-Gen. Siegfried Westphal, new chief-of-staff to Field Marshal Gerd Von Rundstedt, German commander-in-chief.

Gen. Westphal, a professional soldier now in his fifties, was responsible for the early successes of the late Field Marshal Erwin Rommel in the western desert. Unknown outside the inner circles of the German general staff, he was picked by Rommel to be his chief of staff in the African campaign of 1942.

He quarreled with Rommel after the British counter-offensive began and was sent home.

Food Makes Inches

Plays Big Part In Determining Size Of Growing Children

"Now, the size and height of the adolescent depends mainly on his or her food. Heredity plays some part, of course, but food plays more. Father may be no more than two bricks and a jam-pot high—a shrimp. But there's no reason why Alfie should be a shrimp too. It's interesting that the Japanese who are born and brought up in the United States are inches taller than those brought up in Japan. The difference is that the Japanese tend to feed growing boys an extra dose of milk, and they grow more in size and weight than do Alfie without it. So it isn't only nature which determines size and weight, it's nurture as well."

One sage palm tree provides enough food to keep a native of the Dutch East Indies alive a year.

The last part of the wall in Wall street, New York city, was removed in 1948.

R.C.A.F. British War Brides Arrive In Canada



R.C.A.F. Photo



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WORLD HAPPENINGS BRIEFLY TOLD

American factories have turned out 24,000 airplanes and 70,000 tanks since the beginning of the war production program.

South Africans get no meat at all on Wednesdays. Up until recently pork was sold but now this will be cut off.

Ambassador W. Averell Harriman said German atrocities on the eastern front in Poland and in Russia have not and cannot be exaggerated.

Engineers in Worthing, Eng., hope to build a harbor and bathing pool with the eight-ton concrete anti-invasion blocks along their sea front.

The Duchess of Kent made her first trip down a mine when she visited the Hornby Colliery in Durham, Britain's largest coal workings.

Remittance during the first 10 months of 1944 of more than \$3,962,000 to the Canadian Red Cross was reported at an executive meeting of the Ontario division.

The first civil air service out of London in more than four years opened recently from Croydon, when a railway air service aircraft left for Liverpool and Belfast.

A mail-order system has been introduced in Britain to provide men discharged from hospitals outside London with the civilian clothing provided by the government.

Observers of the aircraft detection corps made 142 suspected or proven sightings of submarines of the Canadian east coast and Newfoundland in 1943, it was disclosed at Yarmouth, N.S.

Most Expensive Fur

Chinchilla So Small 100 Pelts Necessary To Make Coat

They say it takes all kinds of people to make all kinds of animals, certainly a tall tail kind of animal to make the world in which we live. And it is their marvelous variety that makes that animal world so very interesting. Among all that variety surely there can no more interesting or entertaining than the chinchilla, the tiny rodent about the size of a man's hand, a native of the high altitudes in the Andes Mountains, possessor of the most marvelous fur of any animal, now raised to a limited extent in the United States for the purpose of making coats.

It is no exaggeration to say that they are very luxurious, for any sum up to \$100,000 has been paid for one, and the richness of the fur may be judged from the fact that there are some sixty thousand or more hairs on every square inch of the animal's hide.

The chinchillas are cute little animals, with their own odd ways, and make quite interesting pets. They are very clean in their habits, and are altogether vegetarian.

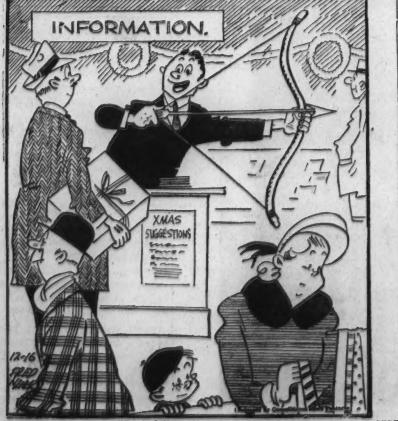
It takes nearly one hundred chinchilla pelts to make a medium-sized woman's coat. How comfortable the wearer feels in view of that fact has not been reported.

MORE APPLE JUICE

For the past three years, apple juice has been reserved for the armed forces. This winter, about 500,000 cases of the juice, fortified with vitamin C, will be available for the public. It will not be rationed.

First electric locomotive was exhibited and operated on July 26, 1847.

LIFE'S LIKE THAT



By Fred Neher

Farmers Help Themselves



—Canadian Pacific photo.
Saskatchewan farmers believe that charity begins at home so when residents of the Richmond area, one of the driest parts of the province were going short of vegetables and garden truck, due to drought, farmers and residents of Herbert and Rush Lake on the Canadian Pacific main line, loaded their surplus products into boxcars and shipped them to the drought area. Photo shows vegetables being loaded at Rush Lake.

Boundaries Of Future

Germany Will Not Be Allowed To Encircle Unwilling People

Bazaine's surrender of Metz in 1871, Vichy's abandonment of the ancient city in 1940, have now been avenged, with the help of French troops at last, with French help. The fortress, never in modern times taken by direct assault, has been taken by troops of the Fifth and Ninety-fifth infantry divisions of the American Third Army. This is not German soil. It was never German soil. It was merely, after 1871, a tract of foreign territory held by the German Empire by force and blackmail.

The great architect of that empire, Prince Bismarck, knew this as well as we know it today. Publicly he said: "We have not annexed Alsace-Lorraine to make the inhabitants happy." Privately, to his Boswell, Herr von Poschinger, he made another statement: "When we had opened up the acquisition of Metz because of the disaffection of the French inhabitants, and that he only yielded in consequence of the urgent demands of the military authorities, who said that it would make a difference of a hundred thousand men in time of peace." Subsequently the development of the coal and iron deposits in the Saar and elsewhere made Metz and all Lorraine even more important to the purposes of the power state that had been set up from Berlin. But it did not give Germany, even a peaceful Germany, any new moral rights.

We may be past the stage in all places, stocks of different ages of grain should not be mixed. The older stock should be disposed of first before it becomes infested with insects, and unsaleable.

Ruined For Years

Germans Leave Trail Of Suffering In Province Of Finnmark

Crown Prince Olav of Norway, province of Finnmark, burned and laid waste by Germans in retreat from the Russians, may be uninhabitable for "years to come."

Thousands of men, women and children have been sent wandering over snowbound roads in zero temperatures. Prince Olav said, and invalids and young children were dying by the wayside.

He told a press conference that the Germans in evacuating the far north of Norway, forced the Norwegian population to accompany their troops in order to assure them protection from Allied air attacks and bombardment from the sea.

All the towns in Finnmark, which is larger than Holland, have been evacuated he said. Populations totaling upward of 61,000 face starvation and death from freezing.

The German commander-in-chief of the Norwegian armed forces, said supplies "to a certain degree" are being sent into northern Norway through Kirkenes and that every effort is being made to organize resistance and underground movement.

"Co-operation between Russia and Norway is extremely cordial," he declared.

STORED GRAIN

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Persons interested in statistics might like to know that the chances of being killed in a train accident in Great Britain last year were 440,000-000 to one.

Prediction For Japan

Bogus Revolt May Be Staged When Homeland Is Threatened

Sir Horace is threatened Star, says: What will happen in Japan when the homeland is threatened by the sea, air and land forces of the United Nations? The answer to that question vitally concerns New Zealand and Australia as well as Canada and India, as it also concerns Britain.

There is reason to believe that events will follow much the same course as in Germany after the Great War. The flight of the Emperor, who was blamed for defeat so as to shield his ministers, will be the prelude to a carefully planned revolution and the attainment of a popular dictator, by the military dictators so as to win the sympathy of the great democracies, and thus gain time to prepare for another war. That is the peril of any peace which may be concluded with Japan.

When the down-trodden peasants and industrial workers realize that the Emperor, who they have been told, can do no wrong, has not saved them from disaster, he will disappear, as did the Emperor in 1918. The Utah Hoops of Japan, in all the splendor of their naval and military traditions, while pulling the strings, will retire into the background until the time comes when, as in Germany, they consider that they can again mount the stage.

Occupied by the war in the West during the past five years, the people of Britain have been inclined to forget that over two-thirds of the area of the British Empire is in the Eastern hemisphere and that there are many other countries of importance financial and commercial as well as territorial interests in the East which must be defended at all costs. The people of Britain, in particular, have a heavy account to settle with the Japanese.

An Odd Animal

Platypus, Native Of Australia, Is Mixture Of Several Kinds

One of the most curious animals in Australia is the platypus, which seems to be a mixture of several animals. It can live either on land or water. It has the fur of a seal, the bill of a duck, and is web-footed. It has short legs with five webbed toes on each foot, and the male has a horny spur on his heels. Unlike the duck, it has nostrils at the extreme end of its bill. Although clumsy on land, it is a fine swimmer, and smalls and shell fish compose its food. It lays eggs like a turtle, but carries its young in a pouch and suckles them.—Our Dumb Animals.

In Stuart days it was the custom to put a piece of toast in the wine cup for flavor: hence the English expression "drink a toast."

THIS CURIOUS WORLD

By William Ferguson



REG'LAR FELLERS—Mathematical Wizard



Relieved Of Duties

Driver Ant

Nothing is Left in Path Of Fiercous Animals, says:

The insect known as the driver ant is a most ferocious creature and perhaps more dangerous than any of the wild animals and cannibals of Africa. They travel like soldiers, in columns, and the order of march is perfect. Their numbers are so large as to be considered only in astronomical figures.

Nothing is left in their path. Even if they encounter an elephant they will be nothing left of it after they pass except a mass of whitened bones. Natives, noting the approach of the driver ant army, leave their villages and flee to terror. When they return all they find is a complete vanishing.

When the marching column comes to a stream the ants unite and form themselves into balls, some as large as a hornet's nest, and roll out upon the water. A single point on the other shore is attained with uncanny accuracy, scouts having been sent out to locate the best point of embarkation. Subsequent balls cross in like manner until the entire colony is on the opposite side.

The driver ant cannot stand direct sunlight; therefore it works at night. The soldier ant, which follows the driver, can stand more sunlight than the workers, so the former units to form tubes about one inch in diameter, through which the workers pass without being subjected to the fearful rays of the African sun. This occurs in summer where they must make a daylight pilgrimage.

Invasion Weapon

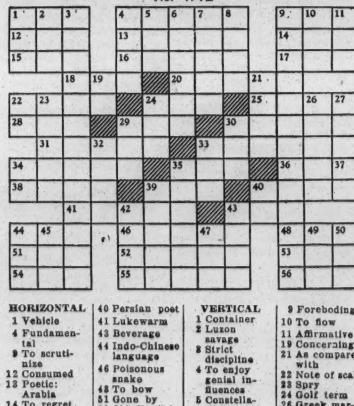
Rocket Fitted Landing Craft Carries Deadly Missiles

The fire from one of Britain's rocket-fitted landing craft is roughly equivalent when falling on a small target to the explosion of a 100-pound artillery or 30 cruisers each mounted with 12 six-inch guns, when related to the time over which the bombardment takes place.

This was one of the recently revealed secrets of this invasion weapon, used first in Sicily and again in Normandy. Combined operations headquarters developed the craft, which can fire all its rockets in 30 seconds, to give close support to troops approaching a beach.

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OUR COMPLETE SHORT STORY—

The Siamese Rickshaw

By GEORGE CHERNISH

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MAKES GORGEOUS
TASTY BREAD—
NO COARSE HOLES,
NO DOUGHY LUMPS



Airtight wrapper
protects strength
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ALWAYS DEPENDABLE!

Where Credit Is Due

Los Angeles Man Pays Tribute To British Bulldog Courage

Wesley Ruggles, back from nine months in England, is less impressed by what the British owe to us than what we owe to them. He is convinced that if it hadn't been for their grim, bulldog courage we, instead of they, now might be suffering from robot bombs.

"Rowan was spared and Paris was spared," he said. "But the British had no sparing of London. Its ordeal began in 1940, when England was losing the war, and it took a brave people to stand up under it. When we began winning the war the people rejoiced and thought it was all over. Then the robombs began. Air raids had lasted a few minutes to a few hours, but the robombs kept coming day and night, killing more persons than were killed in the invasion of Normandy. They could sleep or rest air raids but the robombs would come all night and they would gamely go to their jobs and carry on. The bombs were as terrible as they did not drop a quarter-mile away. I saw a motorbus which had been blown into the second story of a building by one."

"When I left London 1,000,000 buildings had been damaged by them, and many thousands completely destroyed. When I saw the devastation I couldn't help thinking that if England hadn't stood staunch when all the rest of Europe gave up we might have had attacks on our own shores."—Los Angeles Times.

HAS LARGE COLLECTION

Mildred Huffman, of Monroe, Ind., owns more than 1,000 dogs, but she's not about feeding them; for they are all pottery, teakwood, fad or china. She believes that her collection is about the largest of its kind in the country. Included is one of the six pair of Staffordshire chin dogs formerly in the royal palace of George IV of England.

Unlike most active volcanoes, Hawaii's are harmless, because the lava flows very slowly and the streams can be controlled.



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I pushed open the door marked "War Department" and found Jim Saylor, my chief, staring moodily out a window. He swung around when I entered. "I've a little job for you," he said. "It's unusual, but I think it's worth a try. Remember that Chinese crank who used to pester us?"

I nodded. "The chief was referring to an old Chinaman named Tai-Lin, who had besieged Washington officials for years with scatterbrain inventions."

"He went mad the other day," Saylor continued. "They put him in an asylum, but he's still frothing about a secret explosive. Claims he's discovered a powder ten times more potent than the best in existence."

I laughed. "No wonder they locked him up!"

"He's really off his head, but I managed to nimbly at that explosive yarn. I think he sounds foolish, Jordan, but in these times of stress we can't take any chances. Suppose there is such a formula? And suppose an amateur agent got wind of it?"

"I agree with you there, chief," I said.

"Unlike most of his race," Saylor went on, "Tai-Lin lived alone in an old stone house in Shepherd's Marsh." He paused for a moment, his gray eyes regarding me keenly. "I want you to take Pickering and search that house from top to bottom. Keep your eye out for old papers, or a blueprint."

"I'll do it, chief," I said shortly. "We'll leave at once."

Pickering was more enthusiastic about the assignment than I was. But he was still a little green, and didn't know cranks as a veteran does.

It took us three hours to drive out to the old Chinaman's dwelling. Made entirely of stone, it lay at the edge of a huge half-frozen marsh. There was no bush or brush of any kind, for miles around. We went inside and kindled a blaze in the old fireplace, for it was cold out here at this time of year.

As we waited, we searched, but there were very few possible hiding places for a blueprint. Gradually I grew disgusted with the job. And then I came across the rickshaw—

an ancient, wobbly affair, it stood in one corner of the attic, covered with cobwebs. Vaguely I recalled something about Tai-Lin's importing it from Siam, where his grandfather had hauled it through the streets of Bangkok for his daily bread.

As I stooped over to examine it, Pickering's voice bellowed from below: "Hey, Tom! I've found it! The blueprint!"

I tore out of that attic like a typhoon. Pickering was standing in front of the fireplace, his lips moving slowly as he peered at rows of Chinese brush strokes. "It's still in a crack," he told me breathlessly.

"Below one of the window sills. We'll need a translator to decipher it."

I nodded and said. "We're not sure it is, though. You'd better stay here and keep on searching while I take it into town."

He scowled a little. "Step on it, then. We're almost out of wood, and it's getting colder every minute..."

The big clock atop the city hall was striking ten in the evening as I was walking down the street before my chief's residence. He was more enthusiastic than I when I showed him the blueprint. "Come on!" he cried, grabbing his hat and coat. "We'll get Yan-Po out of bed!"

It wasn't necessary, however, to get Yan-Po out of bed. The young Chinaman was seated in his hotel room, poring over a map of the Philippines. He was one of the many translators in the employ of Uncle Sam.

I stiffened as Yan-Po said: "From my knowledge of explosives, I would say that this is a very powerful formula. Indeed, it means here a duplicate of this print contained in the shaft of a rickshaw."

"It's in the attic of the old house," I told them. "I was looking it over when Pickering found this."

Then things really started. The door swung open and three men hurried themselves upon us. Simultaneously, four more came leaping through the windows. I had the presence of mind to grab the print and rip it to bits. I flung the pieces out a window before they finally overpowered me.

Their leader, a tall fellow with a foreign accent, ordered us bound and

Western Artists

Saskatchewan's Two-Piano Team Thrills

Musical Audience In Toronto

(By Hector Charlesworth)

A two-piano team of the first rank, new to the local public, was heard at Eaton Auditorium recently, and aroused the sincere enthusiasm of a very musical audience. Rumors have been reaching Eastern musical circles of the remarkable achievements of two natives of Saskatoon, Evelyn Eby and Reginald Bedford, whose concert has won favor in both the Canadian and American West, and had been largely acclaimed in Chicago. They are pupils of a Mr. G. G. of Katonah, a veteran teacher who has done much for musical progress in Saskatchewan. They played together as children, and subsequently Miss Eby studied with the great pianist, Jose Lhevine, and Mr. Bedford with Percy Grainger.

Mr. Bedford was recently appointed principal of the Hamilton Conservatory of Music, and Miss Eby has joined its staff, in order that they might continue their concert work together. A number of Hamiltonians are looking forward to their debut.

Both artists possess large and beautiful tons, and are completely versed in the resources of finger technique. In addition, they are profoundly musical in their intuitions. Their coordination is perfect in spirit and finesse. With them the musical line is never broken for the infinitesimal part of a second, and their fervor and enthusiasm rouse delight.

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Inflation In Poland

Yard Of Cloth Worth About Two Thousand Dollars

For a yard of cloth in Poland today a farmer would have to give about 315,000 pounds of potatoes. If he had the money to pay in cash for the cloth, he would need two thousand one dollar bills. This is inflation.

But in many cases the farmer can't get the cloth at all because his potato crop has been requisitioned by the Nazis. Or the man in the city may not have any cloth to exchange because the Nazis have taken it away against the coming of winter. So

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Makes A Difference

Right Color Will Give You An Appetite Say Experts

Maybe it is not your stomach after all that is causing that loss of appetite. It may be your eyes, or more likely, it is the things your eyes see.

Color experts have found now that appetites may be diminished or utterly destroyed according to the apparent color of the food brought about by use of colored lighting effects and various color schemes on walls and ceilings.

Recognition of the fact has dictated scientific attention to the paint jobs of dining rooms by progressive restaurants and hotels. Sometimes merely the use of a wrong color may mean the failure of a restaurant, while application of a different color could have led to a paying clientele.

Individual color schemes are matter for the experts, but generally, however, it has been found that people eat better in dining rooms painted in attractive warm shades, derivatives of yellow. Blue and greens tend to blunt the appetite.

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Rust Tests

Brandon Experimental Farm Shows Results Of Rust On Rust-Resistant Oats

The results of rust-resistant oats tests conducted at the Dominion Experimental Farm, Brandon, Manitoba, failed to show any great difference in the yielding ability of the varieties Ajax, Exeter, and Vanguard. The average yields for the three years, 1942-44, were: Ajax, 127 bushels; Exeter, 125 bushels, and Vanguard, 121 bushels. For the same period, Banner averaged 110 bushels, and Gopher, 111 bushels per acre.

From the standpoint of maturity, Ajax was the earliest,成熟, than Exeter. Both Ajax and Vanguard showed good strength of straw. Exeter was inclined to lodge, being similar in that respect to Banner. Exeter had a somewhat larger seed than Banner and Vanguard but no real difference existed in weight per bushel. Exeter had the highest percentage of hull and Vanguard the lowest.

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